

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING APRIL 10 IN CORNELIUS FOR
THE PROPOSED WIDENING OF WEST CATAWBA AVENUE (S.R. 5544) FROM
SAM FURR ROAD (N.C. 73) TO JETTON ROAD (S.R. 2151)

TIP Project No. R-2555B

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting in April regarding the proposed project to widen West Catawba Avenue (S.R. 5544) from Sam Furr Road (N.C. 73) to Jetton Road (S.R. 2151) in Mecklenburg County. The purpose of the meeting is to inform citizens of Cornelius and Huntersville of the proposed improvements and to obtain their comments.

The meeting will take place on **Thursday, April 10, 2014**, at **Cornelius Town Hall**, located at **21445 Catawba Avenue** in **Cornelius**. It will be held in the **Community Room** from **4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Interested individuals may attend this public meeting at any time during the above hours. NCDOT representatives will display maps and be available to answer questions and receive comments. Comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation.

The proposed transportation improvements are needed to improve mobility and safety for motorists, public transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists. The proposed project is a continuation of Catawba Avenue improvements completed in 2009 between Jetton Road and I-77. Existing traffic volumes already exceed the capacity of Catawba Avenue in the project area, and forecasted volumes for 2035 far exceed roadway capacity. Increasing development along this roadway will result in longer travel times, dangerous passing situations, and increased accidents.

This project will require the acquisition of additional right-of-way and is proposed to be constructed in such manner as to not require detours.

For additional information contact Mr. Elmo Vance, Jr., NCDOT - Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, by phone at (919) 707-6048, or via email at eevance@ncdot.gov. Please submit comments by Friday, May 9, 2014.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Vance as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.